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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Application No. 10/034,224
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Before DELORES LOWE, *Review Team Paralegal*
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 12, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matters requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, HEADINGS

A review of the file indicates that the Examiner's Answer filed October 8, 2008 does not comply with the guidelines provided in MPEP § 1207.02 because it does not contain all of the required heading items. Specifically, the Examiner's Answer must contain the following heading items in the following order:

- (1) *Real party in interest.*
- (2) *Related appeals and interferences.*
- (3) *Status of claims.*
- (4) *Status of amendments After Final.*
- (5) *Summary of claimed subject matter.*
- (6) *Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.*
- (7) *Claims Appendix.*
- (8) *Evidence Relied Upon.*
- (9) *Grounds of Rejection.*
- (10) *Response to Argument.*
- (11) *Related Proceedings Appendix..*

An in-depth review of the Examiner's Answer indicates that the following sections are missing from the Examiner's Answer mailed October 8, 2008 and/or are not complete or clear in setting forth agreement or disagreement with the Appeal Brief:

- 1) “Related Proceedings Appendix”,

A substitute Examiner’s Answer that is in compliance with the guidelines is required. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1207.02 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

EXAMINER’S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on December 8, 2008. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208, part II.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to vacate the Examiner’s Answer mailed October 8, 2008;
- 2) to generate a new Examiner’s Answer in compliance with the guidelines;
- 3) consider the Reply Brief filed December 8, 2008 as indicated above; and
- 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the
Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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